

Hoffenstein's Reminiscence.

"Mr. Hoffenstein," said Herman, as he folded up a pair of pants and placed them on a pile, "if you don't haf any objections, I would like to get from the store avay von efening und go mit de soldiers to the Spanish Fort."

"Vell, Herman, I dinks you had better keep avay from de soldiers," replied Hoffenstein, "un stay mit the store, because you know, you don't can put any dependence mit them soldiers. I vill tell you why. Von day vile I vas in Vicksburg, during de war, a cock-eye soldier came in my store mit a bugle in his hand, and he looks around. I asks him vat he wants, und he buys a couple of undershirts: den he dells me to keep tis bundle und de bugle behind de counter undil he comes back. After the cock-eyed soldier vent de store out, some more soldiers come in und walk all around vile dey look at de goods. 'Shendlemen,' I says, 'do you want anything?' 'Ve are shust looking to see vat you haf,' said von uf dem, und after a vile anodder says: 'Bill, shust look dere at the bugle, de very ding de Captain doid us to get. You know ve don't haf any bugle in de company for tree months. How much you asks for dot bugle?' I dell dem dot I can't sell de bugle because it belongs to a man vot shust vent out. 'I vill gif you fuffy dollars for it,' says the soldier, pulling his money out. I dells him I don't can sell it, becaue it vasn't mine. 'I vill gif you a hundred dollars,' he said. Den he offer me von hundred und dwenty-five dollars. My gr-r-r-acious, Herman, I vands to sell dot bugle so bad dat I vistles. De soldier dell me vile dey vos leaving de store dot if I buy the bugle from de man vot owns it dey vill gif me one hundred und dwenty-five dollars for it. I dell dem I vill do it. I see a chance, you know, Herman, to make some money by de operation. Ven de cock-eyed soldier comes in he says: 'Git me my bundle und bugle.' I says: 'My frent, don't you want to sell your bugle?' He dell me no, und I says: 'My little boy Leopold, vat plays in de store, sees de bugle und he goes all around, crying shust as he can because he don't can git it. Six dimes I dakes him in de yard und vips him und he comes right back und cries for de bugle. It shows, you know, how much drouble a man vill haf mit a family. I vill gif you den dollars for it shurs! to please little Leopold.' De soldier vont take it, und at last I offers him fuffy dollars und he says: 'I vill dake fuffy, because I can't vante any more dime; I haf to go to de camp.' After he goes avay I goes to de door und vatches for de soldiers vat wanted de bugle. I see dem pass along de street, und I says: 'My frents I haf got de bugle,' und dey say: 'Vell vy don't you blow it?' My gr-r-r-acious, Herman, vat you dinks? All dem soldiers belong to de same crowd, und make de trick to swindle me. Levi Cohn, across de street, he finds it out, und efrey day he gets boys to blow horns in front of my store, so as to make me dink how I was swindled. Herman, I dinks you had better stay mit de store."

—The London Telegraph had an editorial article on "The extraordinary spectacle presented in the United States of a meeting in Indiana of 5,000 drunkards." The thousands were drunkards, n'r drunkards, and the cable had added an r.—N. Y. Sun.

—"How inte esting these men of letters are, Susan." "Do you think so?" replied Susan. "Now, I think the letters o' men are much more interesting," at the same time holding up a dainty-looking epistle she had received from "somebody."—Boston Transcript.

—The son of an Austin butcher experienced great difficulty in comprehending fractions, although his teacher did his very best to make him understand their intricacies. "Now, let us suppose," said the teacher, "that a customer came to your father to buy five pounds of meat, and he only had four to sell—what would he do?" "Keep his hand on the meat while he was weighing it, and then it would weigh more than five pounds," was the candid response.—Texas Siftings.

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